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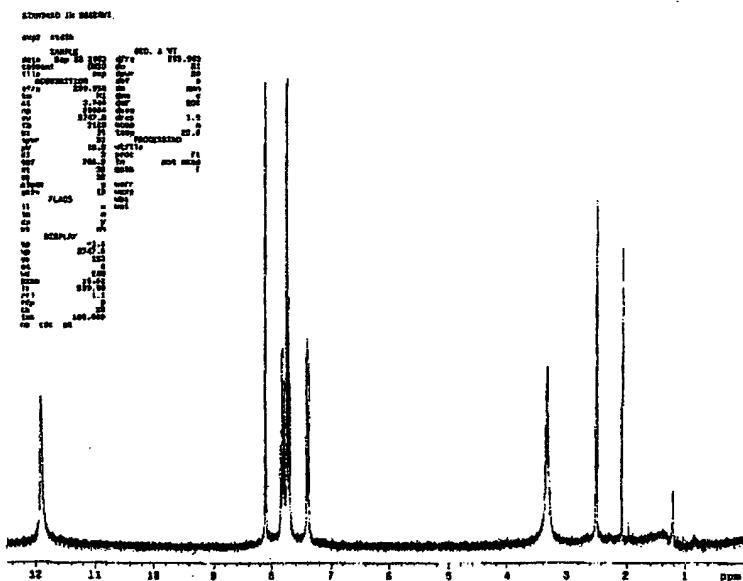
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(57) Abstract: The present invention relates to esters of hyaluronic acid with rhein, more particularly to a compound based on hyaluronic acid, wherein alcohol groups of hyaluronic acid are esterified with rhein, to a process for preparing said ester and to a pharmaceutical composition comprising said ester.

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